



Summary of Responses from 3/7/23 – 4/7/23 :

Fisherman Feedback: Mutton Snapper



What is Fisherman Feedback?

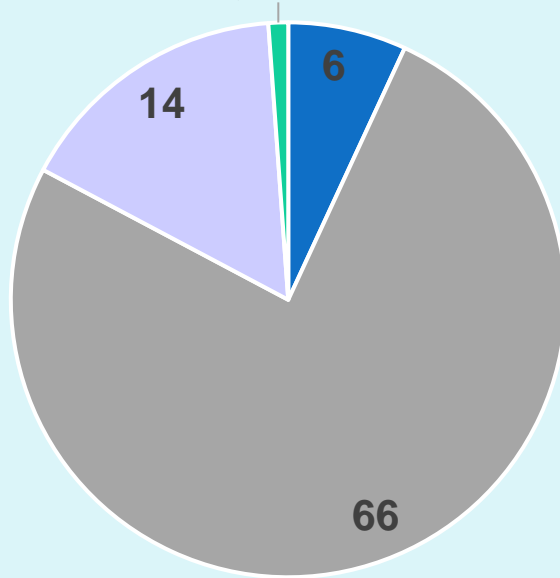
A tool used to gather information on a fish stock from active fishermen on trends or unusual occurrences that scientists and managers may not have observed.

- Responses gathered from March 7 – April 7, 2023
 - 75 responses were received
 - 74 comments analyzed – 1 dropped because it was unrelated to mutton snapper in the Gulf of Mexico
- Final report:
 - Submitted to stock assessment analyst: 6/13/2023
 - Presented during Data Workshop



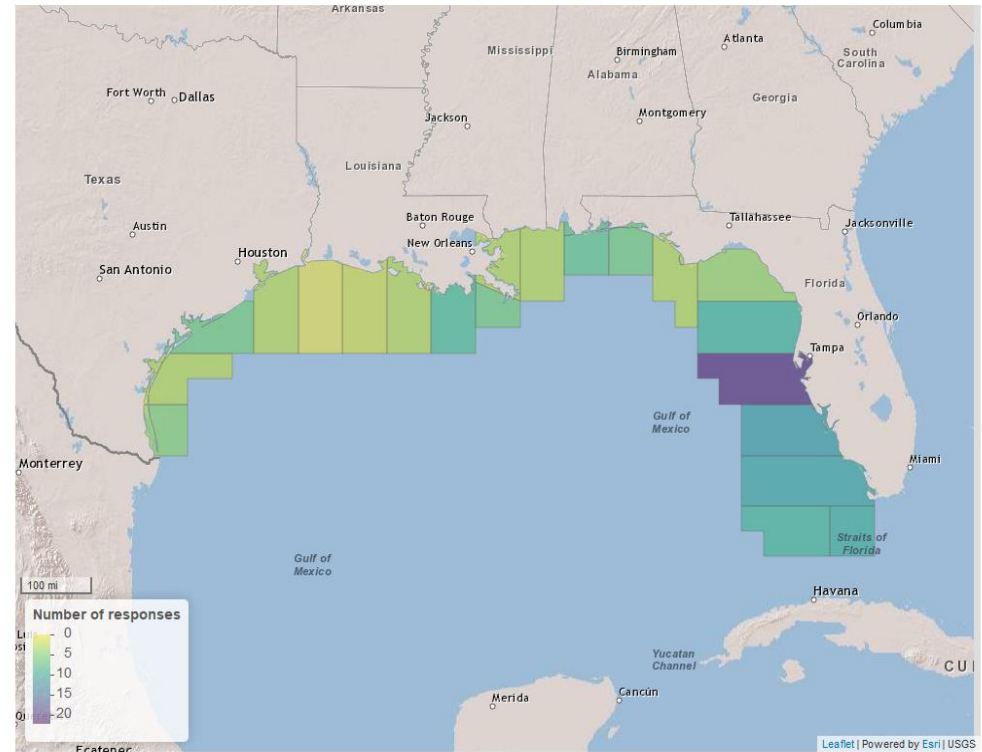
Respondents

Response By Sector
Other, 1



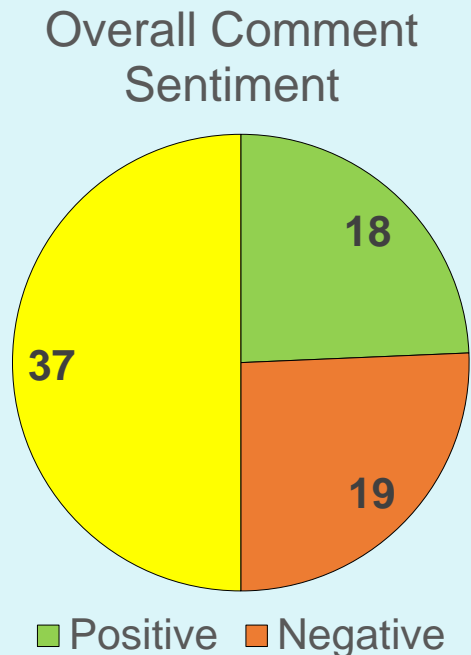
- Commercial
- Private Recreational
- Federal For-Hire
- Other

Self-identified with sector. Not limited to a singular response (n=87)



Number of responses received in each of 21 areas in the Gulf. Respondents could select more than one area so the total number illustrated in the map (n=116) exceeds the number of individual responses.

Overall Response Sentiment

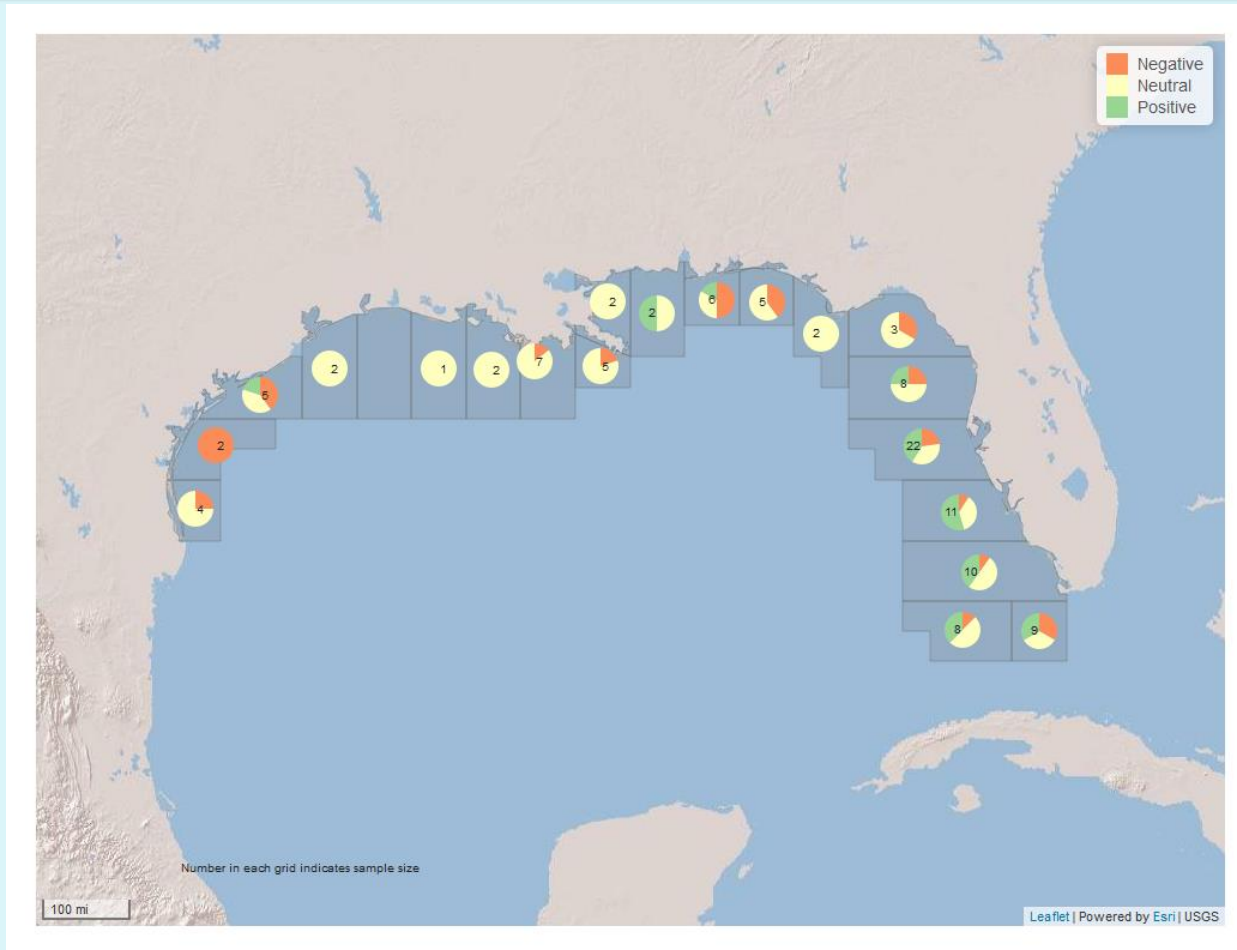


Number of responses indicating positive, negative, or neutral sentiment (n=74)



Number of responses sorted by fishing sector. Sector was self-selected by each respondent. Respondents were not limited to a singular sector declaration in their response (n=87).

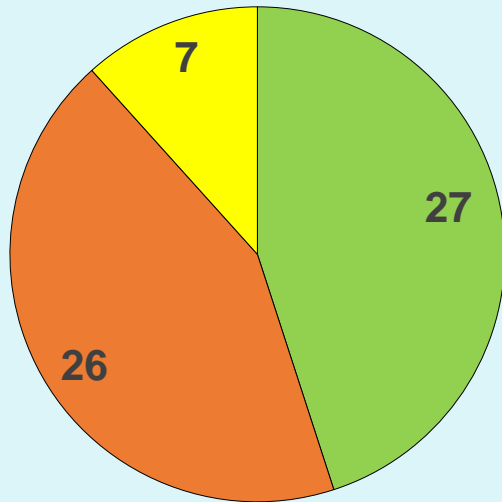
Overall Response Sentiment



Each comment (n=74) was linked to one or more areas based on the self-reported locations (n=116)

Stock Condition Related Response Sentiment

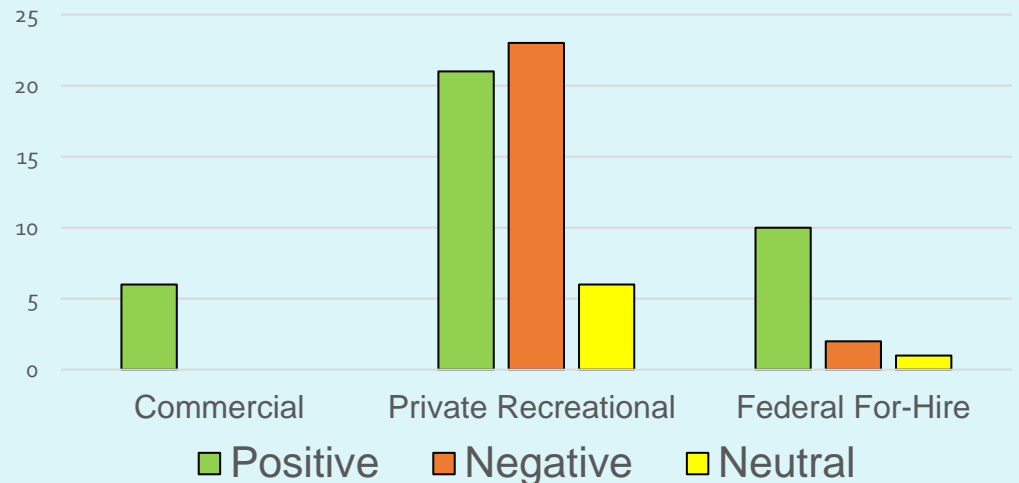
Sentiment of Comments Related to Stock Condition



■ Positive ■ Negative ■ Neutral

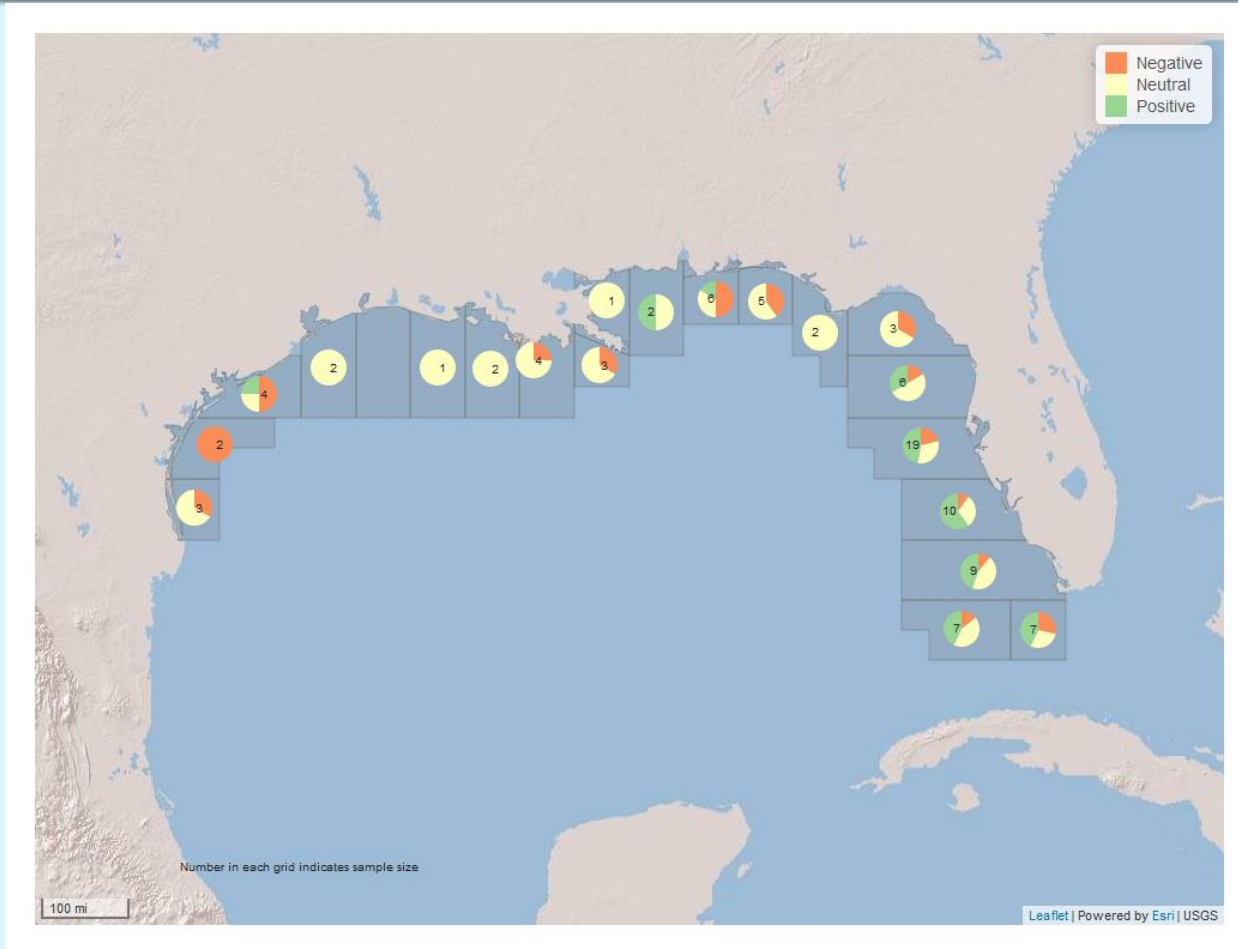
Number of comments indicating positive, negative, or neutral sentiment regarding stock condition (n=60)

Stock Condition Sentiment by Sector



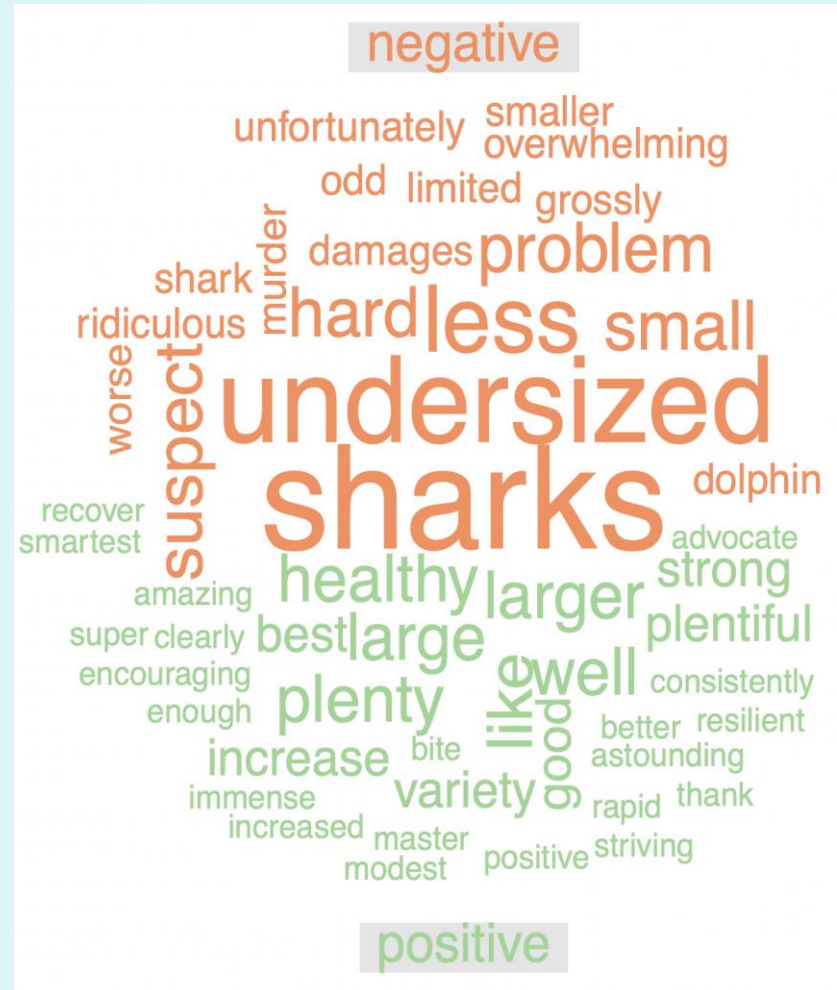
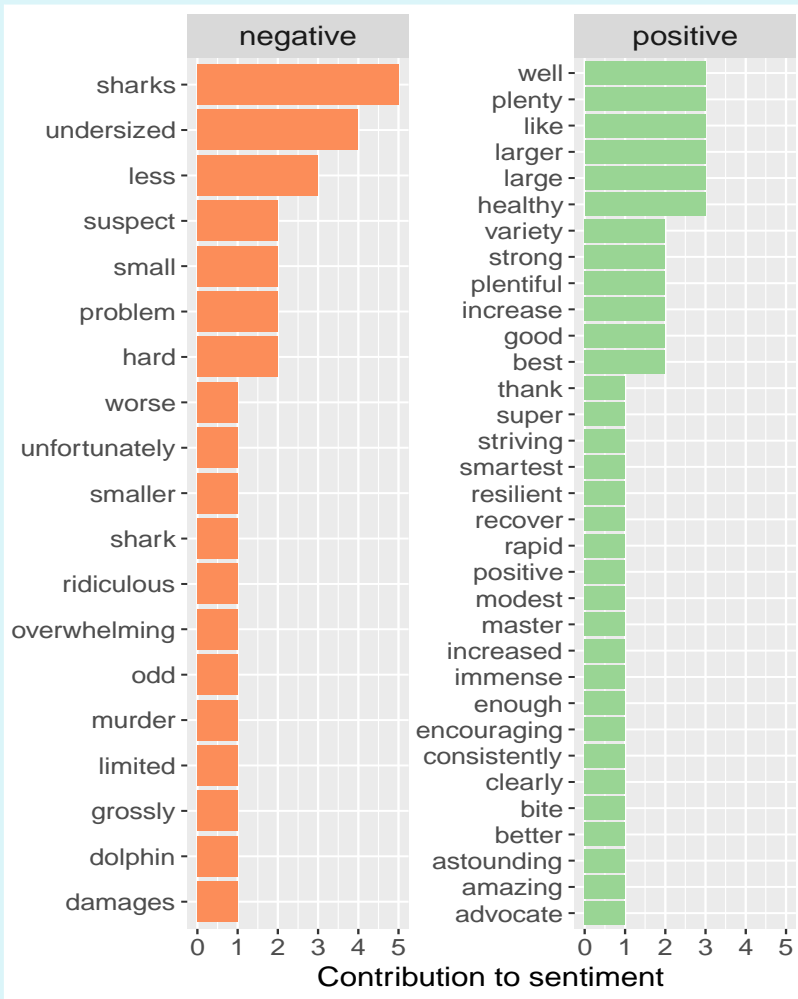
Number of responses related to stock condition sorted by fishing sector. Sector was self-selected by each respondent. Respondents were not limited to a singular sector declaration in their responses (n=60).

Stock Condition Related Response Sentiment



Each comment (n=60) was linked to one or more areas based on the self-reported locations (n=94)

Automated Analysis



Manual Analysis

Positive:

- Increasing number of mutton snapper off central Florida. May be expanding their range northward.
- The mutton snapper population is prolific in South Florida.

Neutral

- Northern parts of the Gulf indicated that mutton are not, and never have been, prevalent in those areas.

Negative

- Too much fishing pressure.
- Mutton snapper are being out competed by red snapper and lane snapper.
- Shark depredation is increasing.

Questions?

